



GENERAL INFORMATION

MEETING DATES: JUNE 6-9, 2005

LOCATION: BOCA RATON, FLORIDA

REGISTRATION DEADLINES

Early Advanced Registration
April 14, 2005

Advanced Registration
May 23, 2005

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The NCDEU (New Clinical Drug Evaluation Unit) Meeting is a scientific conference sponsored by the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) that brings together academic researchers from multiple disciplines involved in clinical trials, investigators with the pharmaceutical industry, and representatives from NIMH/NIH and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) who are interested in psychopharmacology and the broader areas of interventions and services research. This meeting will celebrate its 45th anniversary in 2005.

In addition to the meeting's central focus on medication development and evaluation, **the conference has been expanded this year** to encourage the submission of translational research topics.

We hope to encourage multidisciplinary approaches and crosstalk between basic neuroscientists, clinical researchers interested in developing and testing novel psychopharmacological treatments, and services researchers. The goal is to translate the tremendous advances in basic research into clinical interventions that benefit individuals with mentally illness.

Basic knowledge about pharmacogenetics, brain circuits altered by treatment, and the use of animal models to generate novel therapeutics should inform clinical trials and in turn, be informed by their results. Similarly, findings from services research should aid in providing evidence-based care to patients and raising questions that mold future psychopharmacological trials.

Other timely issues relevant to clinical research in psychiatry, such as the training and development of clinical researchers, recruitment of research participants, and the ethics of clinical studies will also be addressed.

Conference Educational Objectives

The NCDEU Scientific Program Committee planned and designed this activity and formulated the following educational objectives for the 2005 meeting:

1. Analyze the role of new medications and other treatments in psychiatric practice, including their efficacy/effectiveness and safety, particularly in vulnerable populations, such as pregnant women, children, and the elderly.
2. Identify the mechanisms of action of existing psychotropic medications.
3. Draw upon progress in neuroscience and understanding of the pathophysiology of mental disorders for treatment development.
4. Present the current state of knowledge of the use of psychiatric treatments in naturalistic settings.
5. Describe the role of the Federal Government health agencies, primarily the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), in supporting clinical trials and in the marketing and post-marketing surveillance of new psychotropic medications.
6. Encourage development of individualized treatment.
7. Identify the ethical challenges of conducting treatment research with people with mental disorders.
8. Promote the training of clinical researchers interested in treatment research.

CONFERENCE/HOTEL INFORMATION

RENTAL CARS AND OTHER GROUND TRANSPORTATION

The Hotel is approximately a 25-minute ride from the **West Palm Beach and Fort Lauderdale airports** and a 45-minute ride from the **Miami International Airport**. Ground transportation is readily available.

Avis is offering car rental discounts to all NCDEU participants. Book online after registering or call **1-800-331-1600** and refer to **AWD#J626880**

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

The NIH/NIMH is mandated by the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 to insure that all NCDEU meeting facilities and overnight accommodations are accessible to persons with disabilities. For assistance, please contact Infinity Conference Group, Inc. at 703-925-9455, ext. 0.

Conference Registration

Pre-registration will close on May 23, 2005 (the last day to pay the early fee is April 14, 2005). Payment must accompany your registration. On-site registrants will not be included on the roster or have pre-printed nametags. To pre-register for the conference, please go to the [online registration site](#).

Registration Fees

	Early Advanced (by April 14)	Advanced (April 15-May 23)	On-Site (After May 23)
General	\$250	\$290	\$350
Student/Trainee*	\$125	\$150	\$165
Fully Retired	\$125	\$150	\$165

**with student I.D. or other proof of status*

Refund requests must be in writing and faxed or postmarked by May 23, 2005. No refunds will be given after this date. Refunds, less a \$35 handling fee, will be processed within 30 days after the meeting.

Hotel Information

The 2005 NCDEU meeting is returning to the Boca Raton Hotel in Boca Raton, Florida. Sleeping room rates for NCDEU registrants range from \$165 - \$199 single/double occupancy. In order to reserve a room, conference registration and payment of the registration fee must first be submitted to Infinity Conference Group, via mail, fax, or online. Conference registration confirmations will be available immediately for completed online registrations or mailed within two weeks of mailed or faxed submissions. A confidential hotel reservation code will be provided with your registration confirmation. The hotel rates are based on availability until **May 12, 2005** or until space is filled. Please make your reservations early in order to secure a room. Deposits are refundable only if cancellations occur 14 days prior to your scheduled arrival date.

Transportation

The official travel agent for NCDEU 2005 is Austin Travel. Discount airfares are negotiated with three airlines for this conference at 5% below the lowest airfare available at the time of booking or 10% off if booked 60 days in advance of travel. Discount *zone* fares are also available (low-cost fares that do not require a Saturday stay). However, this is not meant to be either a recommendation or an endorsement for these companies. You may book these special fares one of two ways:

- 1) Phone/e-mail Austin Travel at **800-796-0071 or 703-548-0071**, fax **703-299-9525**, or e-mail anthony.francis@austintravel.com.
- 2) Contact the airlines independently:
 - **US Airways**, call **877-874-7687** and reference **Gold File #37133189**
 - **American Airlines**, call **800-433-1790** and reference **Starfile #A5864AC**



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